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Connecticut.

Call for Organizing A Negro Bar Association

Hartford, Conn.—A committee, consisting of George H. Woodson, S. Joe Brown and Howard F. H. C. the latter now a practicing attorney at 137 Mathera street, Hartford, is sending out an invitation to colored men engaged in the practice of law to meet at Des Moines, Iowa, on August 1, next, to organize a National American Bar Association.

Resolution to that effect were passed at the recent annual meeting of the Iowa Negro Bar Association at Des Moines its 24th, and an invitation was also approved, asking all local, state or national Negro law bodies to send a representative to Des Moines to take part in the 25th anniversary, the Silver Jubilee of the Iowa body, which will be celebrated February 11, 1926.

Lawyers—1923.

New Secretary Sails



Washington.—According to information obtained from the State Department, Clifford R. Wharton, former Baltimorean, last Saturday from New York for Monrovia, Liberia, where he will assume his duties as secretary of the American legation. He was accompanied by his wife.

Mr. Wharton took the Foreign Service examination in January of this year and on March 21, 1925, he was appointed Secretary of the Legation at Monrovia, Liberia.

Mr. Wharton served in the United States Army in 1918. He practiced law in Boston from 1920 to 1924. He entered the Government service as a clerk in the Veterans' Bureau in May, 1924. On August 16, 1924, he became a law clerk at a salary of \$1,860 a year in the State Department.

D. C. LAWYER IS NAMED FOR U. S. ATTORNEYSHIP

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 27.—The recommendation of one of Washington's early race lawyers, Atty. Thomas C. Jones, for the office of Assistant U. S. Attorney for the District of Columbia was made last week by U. S. Atty. Peyton Gordon last week. Fifteen candidates had been aspiring for the office.

Thomas C. Jones is president of the Coolidge-Lewis Republican League in the District of Columbia. He was a delegate to the last National Convention. He has practiced law in Washington for more than 25 years.

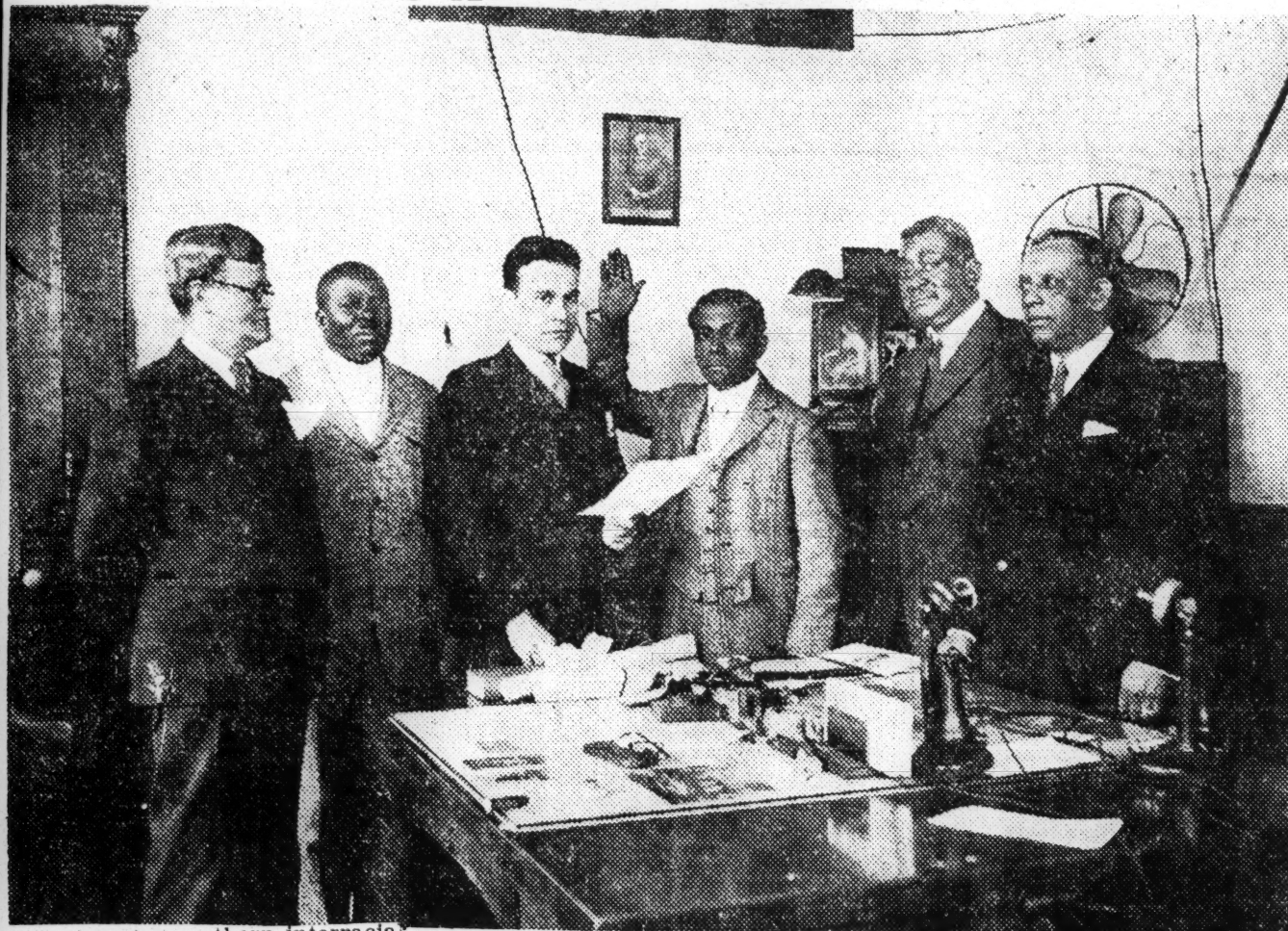
D.C.

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INDIAN INDEPENDENT
MARCH 19, 1925
COLORED LAWYER ADMITTED
George W. White, a colored attorney from Marion, Ind., was granted permission to practice law in Elkhart county by Judge James S. Drake in circuit court today. Mr. White is a member of the Elkhart Finance Corporation at Elkhart.

Indiana.

MR. CROWE GETS ANOTHER ASSISTANT



This is not a southern interracial society gathering, but one of your boys who could not rise in the South. This could not happen there. We are pointing out to you the advantages of living North where a man with an education and a trade or profession is given a chance.

Attorney N. K. McGill (with hand upraised) receiving the oath of office as assistant state's attorney, who has practiced his profession for years in Florida, has been told often that if he were white he would be a states attorney. His color alone prevented him from receiving in Florida what he has in Illinois. In Illinois he is a state's attorney; in Florida, no matter how well trained he was, his color barred him.

Editor Abbott, standing between State's Attorney Crowe (extreme left) and his secretary, Lawrence Cuneo, discovered Attorney McGill and informed him that while he was needed in the South, where good lawyers are in demand, there was no future for him nor his family there, and encouraged him to come North. The above is the result. Others in the picture are Ed. Wright, conceded to be the power of our Race and looked upon as the leader and spokesman for Cook county and the state of Illinois. At the extreme right is Alderman Louis B. Anderson of the Second ward.

From left to right the men are: State's Attorney Crowe, Editor

Abbott, Lawrence Cuneo, Attorney McGill, Ed. Wright and Alderman Anderson.

Judge George Goes To Criminal Court

Judge Albert B. George was transferred from room 1109 in Civil Branch to room 1106, Criminal Branch, where he will hear vagrancy and jury cases.

The transfer was the outcome of the usual system of changing the judges at certain intervals. George's change has been postponed once due to the request of a group of lawyers to retain him in 5th jury court. This caused him to serve two terms on the Civil Bench.

Expected at 48th Street.

Many expected Judge George to be transferred to 48th street station but if such was a possibility, it did not materialize. He will be in the Criminal Branch for three months.

TWO CHICAGO WOMEN FINISH LAW COURSE

When the John Marshall Law school held its commencement exercises last Tuesday evening,



Mrs. Sampson

has been identified with the county recorder's office for the past eight years and is prominent in social and welfare activities.

The two women have maintained an excellent record at the law school

during their term of study and are considered among the most efficient and well trained in the graduating class. They plan to enter the legal circles of Chicago in the very near future and to add to the group of women here already enjoying a successful practice.

Mrs. Sampson, a Pittsburgher by birth, received her early education in that city and New York, where she completed a course in social service at the New York School of Philanthropy. Her social work in Chicago has been with the Illinois Children's Home and Aid society, and she is at present investigator for the juvenile court of Chicago. She is the wife of Rufus Sampson, well known Chicago professional man.



Mrs. Jones

Out To Get \$25,000



Att'y. Sophie Boaz

A movement was started in Chicago recently to raise \$25,000 of the \$100,000 deficit of the million dollar endowment fund for Fisk University by the alumni. Miss Boaz, practicing attorney of that city and a graduate of Fisk, class 1911, was designated as the executive secretary of the drive to travel among the alumni in interest of the institution.

Mrs. Jones is an alumna of Sumner high school of St. Louis, Mo., and formerly a teacher in that city. She

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Iowa.

NEGROES TO FORM BAR ASSOCIATION TO COVER NATION

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 28.—

The organization of a national negro bar association will be consummated August 1 in Des Moines, according to plans made by the Iowa Negro Bar association at its annual banquet here.

Membership regulations of the American Bar association at present bar the admission of negroes to its ranks. There are 2,000 negro lawyers in the country. The proposed association of negro lawyers will be supported by city, county and state associations. Its aim is to make available the benefits of the united strength of negro lawyers in any national emergency.

The formation of a national bar association is the suggestion of George H. Woodson, who 24 years ago founded the Iowa Negro Bar association. Favorable and enthusiastic replies have been received from lawyers in more than 30 states. Some expressed approval of an organization of representatives of the legal profession to which negroes as well as whites should be admitted as members.

Refused to Join.

Woodson was chairman of the first all-negro commission ever appointed by the federal government. This commission was appointed by the secretary of labor in January, 1924, to investigate industrial and economic conditions in the Virgin Islands, whose population is 95 per cent negro.

The American Bar association has several times extended an invitation to Woodson to present his application for membership in that organization. Woodson has never done so because he is opposed to arousing the question of race needlessly.

It was during the Taft administration that the negro assistant attorney general, W. L. Lewis, did present his application for membership to the American Bar association, together with credentials from some of the country's leading lawyers. When the application was presented for approval much bitter antagonism was aroused because he was found to be a colored man. Although he was admitted to membership, Woodson related, immediately thereafter a resolution was passed requiring that every applicant submit his photograph.

Many Delegates.

Woodson said that all of the states from which he has had replies will send delegates to the national convention here and probably lawyers not yet heard from will come here to be included as charter members.

The Iowa association already has two women members—Mrs. Gertrude E. Rush, elected to the presidency in 1919 in honor of her admission as first woman member, and Beulah Wheeler, now of Leavenworth, Kansas, the first negro woman ever to have been graduated from Iowa university, admitted to the Iowa state bar in 1924. A total of 36 men and two women of the negro race have been admitted to practice before the supreme court of Iowa.

NATIONAL NEGRO BAR ASSOCIATION

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 17 (By The Associated Negro Press).—Leaders of the Iowa Negro Bar Association are active in the call just issued for all Negroes engaged in practice of law to meet in this city, August 1, this year, to organize a National American Bar Association for the colored legal profession. The call is in the form of a resolution passed by the Iowa Association and is signed by George H. Woodson, head of the commission that visited the Virgin Islands, and Howard P. Brown, a graduate of '95, S. Joe Brown, Iowa university, 1901, and Howard P. Brown, Drake university, 1904.

The resolution holds out that, so far as the members of the Iowa Association are able to ascertain, there exists in this country no active, effective association or other organization uniting any considerable number of the thousands of Negro men and women who are actively engaged in the practice of the ancient and honorable legal profession; that it feels that there should be some such organization perfected within the near future and that, therefore, the invitation is extended to all local associations composed of lawyers of African descent or colored persons to send representatives to all individual lawyers, to meet at the courthouse in Des Moines at ten o'clock on the morning of August 1 to start an association and to join with the Iowa Negro Association in

celebrating its 25th or silver jubilee.

EDALLA MO. DEMOCRAT

AUGUST 1, 1925

NEGROES FORM BAR ASSOCIATION

By the Associated Press.

DES MOINES, Ia., August 1.—Organization of the National Bar Association, a legal body in which lawyers of any race or nationality may affiliate, was perfected here this afternoon at a meeting held in the county court house under the auspices of the Iowa Negro Bar Association.

Negro lawyers from seven states—Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Kansas, Washington, Massachusetts and Illinois—attended the meeting and assisted in the work of organization.

George H. Woodson, Des Moines, chairman of the All-Negro Commission sent to the Virgin Islands to investigate conditions there last January by President Coolidge, was elected president. Other officers include:

Vice President, C. H. Galoway, Kansas City and Davis E. Henderson, Kansas City, Kas., and M. Amasa Knox, Kansas City, Mo., regional directors. All are negroes.

The next meeting will be held at Chicago, August 5, 1926.

NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION IS ORGANIZED

Meeting Held in Iowa Capital Courthouse

Des Moines, Iowa, Aug. 14.—In acceptance to the invitation extended last February by the Iowa Negro Bar association, through George H. Woodson, members of the legal profession from the states of Missouri, Kansas, Minnesota and Illinois and from other places throughout the country met on Aug. 1 at the court house here and organized the National Bar association. One woman,

Attorney Gertrude E. Rush of Des Moines, was included among the charter members.

The association was duly incorporated and though sponsored by members of our Race, may include the followers of the legal profession in any state or insular possession of the United States.

To Meet in Chicago

In order to facilitate the work or complete organization the United States and other territory embraced by the association was divided into seven regions, comprising also Alaska and the insular possessions. A regional director with authority to appoint his assistants was placed over each one of these areas.

Upon the invitation of the Cook County Bar association, Chicago was chosen for the next meeting of the National association, which will convene in 1926 on the first Thursday in August.

Elect Officers

Officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows: President, Geo. H. Woodson, Des Moines, Iowa; vice president, C. H. Calloway, Kansas City, Mo.; secretary, Wendell E. Green; assistant secretary, Charles P. Howard, Des Moines; treasurer, Jesse N. Baker, Chicago. Directors, Region No. 1, Gustave B. Aldrich, Tacoma, Wash.; Region No. 2, David B. Henderson, Kansas City, Kan.; Region No. 3, W. T. Francis, St. Paul, Minn.; Region No. 4, L. Amasa Knox, Kansas City, Mo.; Region No. 5, Wm. H. Haynes, Chicago; Region No. 6, W. C. Matthews, Boston, Mass.; Region No. 7, D. Hamilton Jackson, Christianstead, St. Croix, Virgin Islands.

First Race Woman

Attorney in Iowa

Des Moines, Iowa. One of the leading attorneys of the state of Iowa, Mrs. Gertrude E. Rush, has been elected to the bar in this state. She has successfully defended a large number of criminal cases, including several murder trials in which acquittals were secured.

Attorney Rush is counsel for the Women's Convention auxiliary to the national Baptist convention. She is well known as a clubwoman, having served as president of the Iowa Federation of Colored Women's clubs for four years, the longest period of service of any president the organization has had.

As a social worker she was a member of the board of directors of more than one municipal organization, including the Des Moines Playground association and the health center. She was founder and president of the Charity league, an organization for the general welfare of citizens of the Race in Des Moines, which fosters a home for working girls and aged women.

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Minnesota.

SON OF DEAD HOWARD TRUSTEE STARS IN WEST

Gale Hilyer Wins Laurels
at Bar

FORMER LOCAL BOY LEADS AT
WESTERN BAR.

Gale Hilyer Highly Regarded.

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 15.—Attorney Gale P. Hilyer, 719 New York Life Building, Minneapolis, is one of the leading attorneys at the Hennepin County Bar. He just recently secured the acquittal of a Minneapolis man on a charge of manslaughter before a jury in Judge E. F. Wilson's court.

After a trial lasting five days, the jury, after being out five hours, brought in a verdict of not guilty.

Besides his work in criminal law, Mr. Hilyer has achieved quite a distinction as a civil lawyer and has since a large practice and is a member of large corporations and representing two of the large banks in the City of Minneapolis, as well as a number of automobile companies.

Mr. Hilyer is a graduate of the law school of the University of Minnesota and began practice with the firm of Hall and Tauges, where he gained a wide acquaintance and fine experience. He maintains a most modern, up-to-date office with a good library and in every way is a creditable representative of the race in his profession. We are glad to present such an enterprising, up-to-date, successful man as Mr. Hilyer to our readers for he has proven that merit will win recognition in spite of color.

NEGRO ATTORNEY IN RACE FOR MINNEAPOLIS BENCH

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., April 15.—For the first time in the history of this city, a colored man, Atty. Gale P. Hilyer, is a candidate for the Municipal Court of Minneapolis. Atty. Hilyer is a graduate from the University of Minnesota. He has a wide reputation and a large practice during his ten years as a member of the bar. He is at present attorney with law offices in the New York Life Building.

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ST. LOUIS MO. STAR
JUNE 19, 1925

FIRST NEGRO HAVING WHITE CLIENT APPEARS IN COURT

The first negro attorney known to represent a white client in the Municipal Courts Building is N. A. Mitchell, 2702 Olive street, attorney for Mrs. Ethel Powers, 300 North Leffingwell avenue, in her suit for divorce in Circuit Judge Hartmann's court yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Powers were married in Indianapolis April 28, 1896, and separated July 7, 1923, when Mrs. Powers alleged her husband deserted her. She was awarded a divorce and the custody of her two children, Nellie and William. Her husband, John Powers, did not contest the divorce.

Missouri.

ROOKMAN N. Y. TABLE
MARCH 25, 1925
**U. S. NEGRO LAWYER
A SUICIDE ABROAD**

Berlin, March 25—Moses Leonard Frazier, the American negro lawyer who was found dead from gas asphyxiation yesterday under circumstances which the police said indicated suicide, was born in Georgia in 1860 of slave parents, the investigation into his death developed today. He told a Berlin friend that he was among the first negro graduates of Columbia University Law School, New York.

Frazier, it appears, was married in Georgia, but the Deutsche Bank, which he asked to be notified in the event of his death, has no knowledge as to whether his wife is living, or, if so, where. The police have taken over Frazier's effects and, in co-operation with the American Consulate, will try to find his rightful heirs.

The records of Columbia University show that Frazier took graduate courses there in 1902 and that he received the degree of LL.D. from New York Law School in 1899.

**N. Y. BRONX HOME NEWS
FEBRUARY 11, 1925**

**Petition in Circulation
for Colored Magistrate**

A petition asking Mayor Hylan to appoint Louis A. Lavelle, colored lawyer of 81 W. 134th St., city magistrate is being circulated in Harlem.

The petition points out that 600,000 colored persons reside in New York, upward of 100 of them being lawyers. The appeal asserts that this great number of people—one tenth of the population of New York City—should be represented in the Magistrate's Court by one of their own color.

Lavelle was admitted to the bar in Sept. 1901 in Lancaster, Kentucky. He was admitted to the bar in this state March 22, 1905, and since then has been practicing here.

**RACE LAWYER ADMITTED
TO U. S. SUPREME COURT**

NEW YORK, April 29.—Perhaps the youngest attorney to ever be admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court is Counsellor Robert P. Lattimore, a New York Race Lawyer. His admission was accepted last week after it had been placed before the court by Karl F. Phillips, Commissioner of Conciliation of labor in the Department of Labor.

The spectacle of Commissioner Phillips, himself admitted to practice

before the Supreme Court, pleading for the admittance of Counsellor Lattimore was a rare sight in the city. Lattimore was a native son of the Empire State. Phillips hails from this city and Westchester County while Lattimore is one of the best known young men in New York and Brooklyn. While in Washington, Counsellor Lattimore argued successfully an immigration exclusion case before the Appeals Bureau of the Department of Labor. The case saved Ada F. Alleyne, a West Indian, who was already on board ship to be deported when the Appeals Bureau reversed the Ellis Island officials' deportation decision, and ordered the woman held here for further action. The newly admitted Supreme Court practitioner is one of the city's most successful attorneys.

N. Y. C. EVENING WORLD

MARCH 13, 1925

Petition for Negro Judge.

A petition bearing 745 signatures was sent to Mayor Hylan yesterday urging him to appoint Louis A. Lavelle, a Negro lawyer, No. 81 West 134th Street, to fill the next vacancy as City Magistrate. Thirty-five of the signatures on the petition are those of lawyers and seventy those of clergymen.

NATIONAL NEGRO BAR ASSOCIATION TO MEET IN CHICAGO

Washington, D. C., Aug. 3.—An announcement was made today by Perry W. Howard, president, that the National Negro Bar Association would meet in Chicago, Ill., in July or August, 1926.

A meeting to organize a national bar association was called to meet in Des Moines, Iowa, August 1 last, by George H. Woodson, under the auspices of the Iowa State Bar Association.

"We regard this effort," says Mr. Howard, "as purely abortive, and it will in no wise interfere with the trend of the movement that has been carried on for years by determined men to work out a great organization."

The National Negro Bar Association was organized in Little Rock, Ark., in 1908, as an affiliated organization of the National Negro Business League. It convened annually at the same time and place as the business league, but at the Norfolk meeting a committee was appointed to determine whether or not the bar association should continue as an affiliated organization of the league.

This committee was composed of W. Ashbie Hawkins, Baltimore, Md.; Henry Lincoln Johnson, Washington; Cornelius R. Richardson, Richmond, Ind.; Walter H. Land, Norfolk, Va.; S. D. Redmond, Jackson, Miss.; W. T. Andrews, Baltimore; D. W. Perkins, Jacksonville, Fla., and James N. Simms, Chicago.

The committee decided that the meetings should be held separately from those of the National Negro Business League and that the bar association should function as an independent organization. Accordingly, a meeting was called in Chicago, but at the request of a large number of members this meeting was deferred and the bar association failed to meet in 1924.

Mr. Howard states that he and the other officers of the association will take up with the Cook County Bar Association plans for

a meeting in Chicago next year and at that time "we, who have labored for these many years to hold a nucleus of an organization, will turn it over to the lawyers generally with the hope that it will ultimately correspond in every respect to the American Bar Association."

The officers of the National Negro Bar Association are Perry W. Howard, president, Washington; William C. Matthews, secretary, Boston; S. D. McGill, corresponding secretary, Jacksonville, Fla.; W. T. Andrews, treasurer, Baltimore; Scipio A. Jones, chairman of executive committee, Little Rock, Ark.

NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION PLANS MEET HERE NEXT YEAR

Washington, Aug. 14.—Hon. Perry W. Howard, president, and S. D. McGill, Jacksonville, Fla., corresponding secretary, have issued a statement that the National Bar Association of our group will hold its authorized meeting in Chicago in July next year. No meeting is planned for this year. The special committee in charge is: Henry Lincoln Johnson, Washington; W. Ashbie Hawkins, Baltimore; Walter Land, Norfolk; James Simms, Chicago; W. C. Matthews, Boston; S. D. Redman, Jackson, Miss.; S. A. Jones, Little Rock.

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TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE ARCHIVES

North Carolina.

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Young Colored Lawyer
Makes Brilliant Plea In
Railway Damage Suit

DURHAM, N. C., March 17—(C. P.B.)—Although the jury decided against his client, E. McCants Andrews, young attorney, of Durham, N. C., representing the plaintiff, \$15,800 damage suit, growing out of alleged negligence on the part of the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company and the Cammock Coal Mining Company, defendants, tried last week before Federal Judge Isaac M. Meekins is said to have presented one of the most carefully prepared cases and brilliant pleas ever made in a North Carolina court. Eminent white counsel of Raleigh represented the defendants, and the case was replete with interesting evidence. Andrews' plea is said to have been outstanding.

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SCOTT'S COURT LARGEST

Philadelphia.—Judge Amos Scott has the largest magistrate court in the city. In September, his biggest month, he tried 781 cases. Two Sundays ago he had 111 cases. Sixty per cent were white and 40 per cent colored.

Pennsylvania.

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SWEETWATER TEX. REPORTER
APRIL 12 1925
NEGRO MASS MEETING

Colored Lawyer of Fort Worth Urges
Brethren to Buy Property

Through the efforts of Mrs. Miller, principal of the Colored school, and Pete Hardeman, a negro mass meeting was held in the Court House Friday night. The colored children sang old plantation melodies and negro spiritual songs with much enthusiasm.

T. M. Betts, colored lawyer of Fort Worth, in an address emphasized the importance of his race co-operating with the best white people in developing this section. He especially urged his race to quit drifting and buy property; that they should go back to the farms and help develop the cultural resources of the Texas.

SAN ANTONIO LAWYER
JOINS LOCAL ATTORNEY

Lawyer Wilford H. Smith of 419½ Milam street, this city, wishes to announce that from and after the 15th of this month he will have associated with him in the general practice of law, Mr. Joseph G. Wimberly of San Antonio, and the firm will be Smith and Wimberly.

Mr. Wimberly is a graduate of Howard University School of Law, Washington, D. C., class of 1914, and was admitted to practice in San Antonio, in 1915, by the Court of Civil Appeals. His general average in the examination for admission to the bar was the highest in the class taking the examination, the rest of whom were white. Since that time Mr. Wimberly has been actively engaged in the practice of his profession, specializing in probate work and damage suits.

Mr. Wimberly formerly lived in Houston, and attended the Houston High School from 1900 to 1904, and has many friends and acquaintances here. He is a member of the Baptist Church, a Mason, Knight of Pythias, Woodman, and belongs to a number of other societies. He is also a member of the Bexar County republican executive committee, and is at the present time precinct chairman. He is married, and has three children, his wife being a native of Louisiana.

Texas.

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Virginia.

RICHMOND VA TIMES DISPATCH
DECEMBER 9, 1924

NEGRO WOMEN TAKE BAR EXAMINATIONS

GIVEN FIRST LAW LICENSE IN VIRGINIA

Two negro women and a number of negro men were among the 111 candidates for the State bar who reported in the hall of the House of Delegates yesterday to take the first and second sections of the examination prepared by the State Board of Law Examiners.

One or more sections of the examination will be taken by 158 candidates, the largest December class in the history of the State, President John B. Minor said yesterday. The examinations will be concluded today and the results probably will be announced Thursday.

ROANOKE MAN ELECTED HEAD OF VIRGINIA NEGRO LAWYERS

Colored lawyers of Virginia met at the Bethel A. M. E. church, of Richmond, Virginia, and organized a State Bar Association. This organization is known as the Old Dominion Bar Association, composed entirely of colored people.

Officers were elected as follows: Henry P. Dolphin, of Roanoke, president; Thomas H. Reid, of Portsmouth, vice-president; Harry Green, of Richmond, secretary-treasurer.

The preamble of the constitution which was adopted reads in part as follows: And whereas we the colored members of the legal profession, deem it as highly necessary to take our place where we may best perform the duties required of us, consider it highly necessary that there should be formed among us an organization through which the functions of our profession may be discharged for the best interest of our race.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 18.—The state of Virginia has its first woman lawyer of our Race as a result of the December examinations of the Virginia state board of law examiners held here Tuesday and Wednesday.

Among the 59 successful applicants for admission to the bar was Miss L. Marian Poe of Washington, D. C., who passed the examination. She is the first Race woman to be admitted to the Virginia bar in the history of the state, according to B. Watts, secretary of the board of examiners. Miss Poe had completed three of the necessary four blocks on previous examinations.

Virginia has a number of Race lawyers, but the presence of a woman practicing in the state will be an entirely new experience for this oldest state of the Union. Records do not even show that a woman of our Race has gained the right to practice before the Virginia bar even by transfer, Mr. Watts said.

Three Race women attempted the state board examination this week, but Miss Poe was the only one who was successful.

Two of the four white women who took the examination were included among the successful applicants. Eighty-one applicants failed to pass.

FIRST COLORED WOMAN

PASSES VIRGINIA BAR

RICHMOND, Dec. 23rd.—Coming victoriously through four groups of examination papers in common, statute, adjective, and substantive law, Miss L. Marian Poe of Washington, has successfully passed the rigid Virginia Bar, and will be the first colored woman to be admitted to the practice of law in that State. The Virginia law examinations are among the stiffest given by any State in the Union; and in the last examinations held early in Dec. only 59 candidates out of nearly 150 applicants were given their final qualification certificates by the Board of Examiners. Miss Poe will enter upon practice in Virginia.

Medical Associations - 1925.

Data on: Physicians, Dentists, Pharmacists.

See Also: Education: Scholarship and Other Distinctions.